

are still so in many countries and even in some of these "United States. Even in 1783, we doubted the stability of our recent measures for reducing them to the footing of other useful callings. It now appears that our means were effectual. The clergy here seem to have relinquished all pretensions to privilege and to stand on a footing with lawyers, physicians, etc. They ought, therefore, to possess the same rights. (To Jeremiah Moore, 1800. F. VIL, 454.)

CLERGY.—The *Palladium* is understood to be the clerical paper, and from the clergy I expect no mercy. They crucified their Saviour, who preached that their kingdom was not of this world; and all who practice on that precept must expect the extreme of their wrath. The laws of the present day withhold their hands from blood; but lies and slander still remain to them. (To Levi Lincoln, 1801. F. VII., 84.)

COLLEGES.—You have now an happy opportunity of carrying this intermediate establishment into execution without laying a cent of tax on the people, or taking one from the treasury. Divide the State into college districts of about eighty miles square each. There would be about eight such districts below the Alleghany, and two beyond it, which would be necessarily of larger extent because of the sparseness of their population. The only advance these colleges would call for, would be for a dwelling house for the teacher, of about one thousand two hundred dollars cost, and a boarding house with four or five bed rooms, and a school room for probably about twenty or thirty boys. The whole should cost not more than five thousand dollars, but the funds of William and Mary would enable you to give them ten thousand dollars each. The district might be so laid off that the principal towns and the academies now existing might form convenient sites for their colleges; as, for example, Williamsburg, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Hamp-den Sydney, Lynchburg or Lexington, Staunton, Winchester, etc. Thus, of William and Mary, you will make ten colleges, each as useful as she ever was, leaving one in Williamsburg by itself, placing as good a one within a day's ride of every man in the State and get our whole scheme of education com-